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Gov. Perdue Announces Regulatory Review Results
900 excessive rules to be eliminated

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue sent a list of 900 rules and regulations to the General Assembly today asking legislators to eliminate them. Perdue announced the list as the first result of a statewide review of North Carolina's rules and regulations. All 900 have been deemed unnecessary or excessive by the Office of State Budget and Management and the state's cabinet agencies.

"I am sending these 900 rules directly to the General Assembly and asking them to pass legislation to repeal them immediately," Perdue said. "These rules complicate the lives of North Carolinians and businesses in our state every day and we can do better."

Perdue said she would also ask the General Assembly to revisit the state's rule-making process to ensure it will no longer generate rules that create undue burdens on businesses and North Carolinians. She also said she will require any agencies proposing new rules to make sure a representative is present at every public review hearing to explain the rule's purpose.

"I have heard too often that when rules go to hearing, citizens are pleading their case in a public forum unattended by the rule proposer," Perdue said. "If an agency feels strongly enough about a rule to propose it, then they need to care enough to show up and listen to the public."

The review is the result of Executive Order #70, signed by Perdue last fall to create a Rules Modification and Improvement Program, and to freeze the creation of any new non-essential rules.

The executive order also directed the Office of State Budget and Management to collect suggestions from the public. That effort has resulted in an additional 1,000 possible recommendations which will be sent to the General Assembly in the coming weeks.